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State lowers estimate on stalled roads

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PHOENIX — The Arizona Department of Transportation says six highway projects totaling \$158 million are on hold pending a fix of a federal funding shortfall.

That represents a fine-tuning of initial estimates that had projects totaling \$171 million being put on hold.

The largest project by price is the \$107 million widening of U.S. 93 near Hoover Dam.

Other widening projects affected involve Arizona 85 north of Gila Bend, U.S. 60 between Globe and Superior and U.S. 60 near Wickenburg.

Others are construction of a new Interstate 17 interchange at McGuireville and landscaping of the interchange of Interstates 10 and 19 in Tucson.

ADOT spokesman Doug Nintzel says work was to have started on the affected projects within the next three to six months.

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